GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT BILL
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring Sexual Harassment Bill;

(b) if so, whether any representations has been received by the Government to significant changes in the draft Bill as reported in the Hindustan Times dated May 03, 2007; and

(c) the time by which the said Bill is likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Protection of Women Against Sexual Harassment at Workplace Bill, 2007 was posted on the website of the Ministry of Women and Child Development inviting comments thereon by 31st March, 2007. This was also advertised in newspapers. A number of comments have been received in response, which are being examined in the Ministry.

(c) It is not possible at this stage to lay down any time schedule for the introduction of the Bill in Parliament. However, Government is making all efforts to introduce it in the Monsoon Session.